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In re Patent Application of:  
Richard K. Edwards et al.

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For: SAMPLING/DISPENSING DEVICE WITH  
PLUNGER AND HOUSING SET ONTO  
PLUNGER

Examiner: J. M. Ludlow

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2008, finally rejecting claims 9-19 and 21, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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